



Docket No.: 505483.003
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**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR A PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my
name.

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor, together with the other listed inventors, of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled METHOD FOR MANAGING A FINANCIAL SECURITY, filed June 29, 2000 and assigned Application No 09/606,495.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Sec. 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 119 (a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or Sec. 365(a) of any Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

None.

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 United States Code Sec. 119(e) of any United States provisional applications listed below:

None.

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 120 of any United States application(s), or Sec. 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT international application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Sec. 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

None.

I hereby appoint Penny R. Slicer, Reg. No. 34,017, Andrea Falk Sellers, Reg. No. 44,102, Christopher D. Brandt, Reg. No. 44,556 and Judith L. Carlson, Reg. No. 41,904, whose postal address is Stinson, Mag & Fizzell, P.C., 1201 Walnut Street, Suite 2800, P.O. Box 419251, Kansas City, Missouri 64141-6251, telephone (816) 842-8600, as my attorneys, with full power of substitution, to prosecute this application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to receive the patent, and to transact all business in the Patent Office connected therewith in my behalf.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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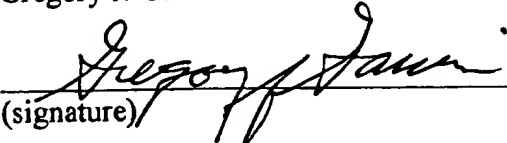
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Serial No.:	09/606,495)	Examiner: Not yet assigned
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Filing Date:	June 29, 2000)	Art Unit: 2761
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Title:	METHOD FOR MANAGING A)	
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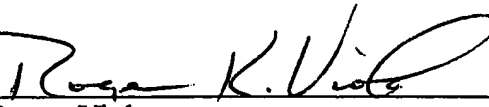
CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE TO ADD NAMED INVENTOR

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Dear Sir:

Security Benefit Life Insurance Company, a corporation created and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Kansas, and having a principal place of business at 700 S.W. Harrison, Topeka, Kansas, the assignee of U.S. Patent Application for METHOD OF MANAGING A FINANCIAL SECURITY filed June 29, 2000 and assigned Application No. 09/606,495, hereby consents to the addition of Kris Alan Robbins as a named co-inventor in said patent application.

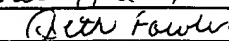
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**OFFICE OF PETITIONS
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In re Application of
Richard K. Ryan et al.
Application No. 09/606,495
Filed: June 29, 2000
For: Method for Managing a Financial
Security

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: DECISION ACCORDING STATUS
: UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)
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This is in response to the renewed "Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(a)," filed December 11, 2000.

The petition is granted.


Petitioner has shown that the non-signing inventors have refused to join in the filing of the above-identified application.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

As provided in Rule 1.47(a), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the Declaration. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

After the mailing of this decision, the file will be forwarded to Office of Initial Patent Examination for preexamination processing.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to Latrice Bond at (703) 308-6911.


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